

**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed March 14, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and considered. Claims 53, 55-56, 61, 66 and 69-101 are previously pending and Claims 53, 55-56, 61, 66 and 69-101 stand rejected. Claims 53, 55-56, 61, 66, 71-72, 74-76, 81-82, and 88-89 have been amended and no new matter has been added. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and the claims of the application as filed. Claims 53, 55-56, 61, 66 and 69-101 are currently pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing Amendments and reconsideration of the present application in light of the amendments above and the remarks below.

**The 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph Rejection**

Claims 55 and 79-85 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicant regards as the invention. Applicants submit herein a proposed amendment to Claim 55, which is now believed to fully meet the statutory requirements. Accordingly, this objection is respectfully traversed.

**The 35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection**

Claims 53, 55, 56, 61, 66, and 69-101 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being allegedly non-statutory subject matter in view of the "Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility." More specifically, the Office Action states that the presently claimed invention fails to meet the Guidelines' requirement of "practical application and useful, tangible, and concrete results." See page 4 of the Office Action. Without admitting that this §101 rejection is proper, Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection in view of the presently claimed invention.

Applicants have amended Claims 53, 55-56, 61, 66, 71-72, 74-76, 81-82, and 88-89 to further particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention. The claims are now believed to fully meet the statutory requirements.

### Conclusion

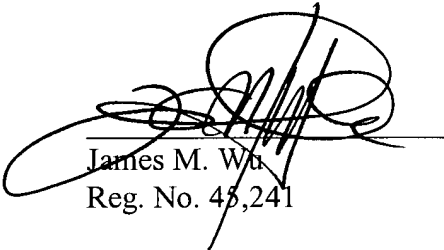
Based on all of the above, Applicants believe all claims now pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. No additional fees are believed to be due at this time. However, please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully examining the present application and if a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jim Wu at (408)282-1885.

Respectfully submitted,

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